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We have asked the Health Officers to follow up cases and find out if any ailments or complications arise and have them treated in hospitals. We have instructed the Director of Medical Services to give directions to D.M.Os. to pay special attention to cases which are reported to have resulted from B.C.G. vaccination. No necessity is found for sanctioning any special staff for this purpose.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: It is stated that B.C.G. vaccination can have good results only in the case of well-nourished children. It is a notorious fact that our children in the mufassal are ill-fed and undernourished. Will the Government see that in cases where B.C.G. vaccination is given to the children in the mufassal, they are given free nourishing food?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: B.C.G. vaccination is specially necessary for underdeveloped countries with ill-nourished people where the rate of infection from tuberculosis is high and where mortality rates are high. It is much more necessary here than in other countries where people are well-fed and where the incidence of tuberculosis is comparatively low.

Removal of untouchability

* 2607 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for not implementing the scheme of the Union Government for the removal of untouchability so far?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: The presumption of the hon. Member that the schemes for the Removal of Untouchability have not been implemented so far, is not correct.

* 2608 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 45 answered on 4th December 1954 and No. 1437 answered on 18th March 1955:

(*a*) the contribution of the Central Government towards the Two-Year Plan for the removal of untouchability; and

(*b*) the sum allotted for the purpose by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) & (*b*) A contribution of Rs. 38,000 was made by the Government of India for expenditure on the schemes for the Removal of Untouchability during 1954–55. This Government contributed an equal amount. A ceiling grant of Rs. 5 lakhs has been tentatively fixed by the Government of India for 1955–56. Schemes costing Rs. 14,39,100 have been sent to the Government of India for approval and a grant of Rs. 10,03,614 has been claimed from the Government of India. The balance will be met by this Government.